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OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT	REV. R. HEBER NEWTON.
VICE-PRESIDENT	MARCUS F. HODGES.
SECRETARY	WM. H. ROBINSON, 441 West 47th Street.
TREASURER	THOMAS FESSENDEN, 152 West 44th Street.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MARCUS F. HODGES	Hoffman Fire Ins. Co.
THOMAS FESSENDEN	152 West 44th Street.
DAVID LYDIG	205 West 44th Street.
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MRS. ETHAN ALLEN	45 West 52d Street.
MRS. J. W. TIMPSON	129 West 41st Street.
MISS H. AMELIA WRIGHT, M. D.,	359 West 34th Street.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

House Committee.

Messrs. LIVINGSTON ROE, GEORGE HOFFMAN,
GILBERT A. ROBERTSON.

Finance Committee.

Messrs. DAVID LYDIG, GEORGE E. DEMING,
ETHAN ALLEN.

Supply Committee.

GILBERT A. ROBERTSON, MARCUS F. HODGES.

COMMITTEES OF LADIES.

Mrs. ETHAN ALLEN, *Chairman.*

On Office Duty.

Mrs. Theo. Jones,
" David Lydig,
" George B. Satterlee,
" L. I. Howe,
" George Hoffman,
" John Lawrence,
" I. B. Kissam,
" P. H. Butler,
" Henry Kerner.

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" E. M. Brown,
" Hoy,
" E. R. Willard,
" W. C. Cook,
Miss Steers,
" Dunn,
" Anthon, M. D.,
" S. Brown.

On Visiting.

Mrs. J. W. Timpson,
" Lewis Maddux,
" Gilbert A. Robertson,
" J. W. Conly,

Mrs. H. E. Gillespie,
" R. B. Currier,
" E. H. James,
Miss Sturgis.

Miss St. John.

Official Visitor.

Mrs. Adams.

CONSTITUTION.

1. Name.—The name of the Organization shall be, "The Bread and Beef House."

2. Object.—The design of this Organization is to develope a systematic agency of relief for the poor resident within the district bounded by Forty-second and Fifty-ninth Streets, Fifth Avenue and the North River, subject to such limitation as may hereafter be laid down, and to stimulate and guide effort looking to the general amelioration and uplifting of the condition of the poor around us.

3. Membership.—Any person may become a member of this Organization by the contribution of not less than five dollars per annum.

4. Officers.—There shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer of this Organization, to be elected at the annual meeting to serve for one year, performing the duties usual to such offices as may hereafter be prescribed.

5. Executive Committee.—The work of this Organization shall be managed by an Executive Committee, consisting of not less than twelve nor more than twenty members, to be elected at the annual meeting, or at any regular meeting thereafter, by a majority of those present; in case of a vacancy by death, resignation, expulsion or failure to elect at the annual meeting up to the maximum number.

6. Meetings.—There shall be an annual meeting of this organization on the first Monday in November, and Special meetings may be called by the President on a weeks notice.

7. Amendments.—The Executive Committee may at any time amend the Constitution; provided that at the meeting a majority of the whole number of the Executive Committee be present, and that the unanimous consent of all present be given; or provided that in the failure to obtain such consent, the proposed amendment be laid over till the next meeting, be specified in the call for that meeting, and receive at that meeting the consent of a majority of the whole number of the Executive Committee.

Report of the Executive Committee.

NEW YORK, *November* 6, 1876.

"THE Bread and Beef House" is an organization strictly non-sectarian and non-parochial, instituted some years since by residents of the upper part of this city, solely for the purpose of relieving the distress of the deserving poor to as great an extent as its means would allow.

It is not a "Soup House." It does not foster "Pauperism," but discriminates closely between the worthy and unworthy. A record is kept of each beneficiary, who is visited in person, and respecting whom full enquiry is made before and while aid is extended. With the exception of fifteen dollars per month paid to an experienced visitor, there are no expenses connected with its distribution of aid.

The Constitution, herewith presented, fully explains the design of the organization, and the annexed reports of the work accomplished during the past year are sufficient of themselves to claim support from the charitably disposed, as we believe they show, in proportion to the sum expended, an amount of good accomplished never before approached by any similar Society.

A hard winter is before us—thousands, capable and willing, will be unable to obtain sufficient work to keep their families from suffering—to alleviate this distress we ask the co-operation of all to whom this work commends itself.

We are greatly indebted to "The Anthon Memorial Church" for the use of the basement of their building as a "headquarters" for the giving out of supplies as well as for a Dispensary. This Dispensary has been a very benificent branch of our work, under the voluntary charge of Dr. H. Amelia Wright, 359 West 34th Street, to whose report we call particular attention.

We have partially supported nine thousand and ninety-six persons.

Have given out twelve hundred and thirty-one garments.

Have procured admissions to, and secured help in our work from different institutions as follows, for which we would express our thanks:

Five children to "Home of the Friendless."
Three children to "St. Mary's Hospital,"
Two children to "Nursery and Child's Hospital," S. I.
One girl to "Shelter for Girls."
Six persons to "Women's Hospital," S. I.
Two persons to "Rooseville Hospital."
One person to "Home for Consumptives."
One Woman to "Lying-in Hospital."
Two persons to "St. Luke's Hospital."
The Blind Asylum.
Children's Aid Society.
Dr. Beverhout Thompson for medical advice and assistance.
Dr. P. Brynberg Porter, for volunteered aid.
Employment Society of the Anthon Memorial Church.
Dorcas Society of Grace Church, White Plains.
Mrs. David Lydig's Sewing Class.

To those who will contribute money, food, clothing, fuel, we promise an honest, economical, discriminating distribution.

To those who will give us their personal, conscientious service in the work, we promise a peace of mind "beyond compare."

WM. H. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Report of the House Committee.

The House Committee beg to present the following statement of the relief furnished by the House for the year ending October 31st, 1876.

Bread,	5,989	loaves.....	Costing	$419 23
Meat,	5,312	lbs.	"	356 92
Rice,	4,380	"	"	284 76
Hominy,	5,159	"	"	128 98
Oat Meal,	3,229	"	"	129 16
Beans,	9,610	"	"	25 01
Milk,	1,701½	qts.	"	151 00
Coal, about,	8	tons.	"	47 40
				$1,542 46

1,231 articles of clothing donated to the House by various parties have been distributed.

1,512 visits of investigation as to the condition of those seeking aid have been made. All of which is respectfully submitted.

LIVINGSTON ROE,

Chairman of House Committee.

Dispensary Physicians' Report.

For the year ending October 30, 1876.

To the Executive Committee of "The Bread and Beef House."

Gentlemen:

The increasing attendance at the Dispensary of "The Bread and Beef House" evinces the necessity which existed for aid of this character to the destitute sick. The Dispensary which has been in operation since February, 1876 only (although dispensary work had been consumed some months prior to that time) shows a record of

Patients received, ...	682
Visits made at houses of patients, . .	239
Total number of prescriptions, . . .	921

Three deaths have occurred. Cause,

Case 1st. Phthisis pulmonalis, patient a widow, age 31 years.

Case 2d. Tuberculosis pulmonum et intestinalis, patient a widow, age 29 years.

Case 3d. Oeduna pulmonum, sequale of Scarletina, patient 3 years of age.

Three cases accouchment have been attended.

In the month of September, in view of the increasing attendance, permission was obtained from the Rector of the Anthon Memorial Church to open the Dispensary daily, in place of three times a week as formerly, and the services of Dr. Sarah J. White, of 128 West 45th St., who volunteered, accepted.

Several patients have been sent to the Hospital on Ward's Island and to the Opthalmic Hospital, 23d St. and Third Ave.

Respectfully submitted by

Signed, H. AMELIA WRIGHT,

Dispensary Physician.

Mrs. David Lydig's Sewing Society.

President,
Mrs. David Lydig.

Treasurer,
Mrs. Phillip Van Rensselaer,

Secretary,
Miss Armide Smith.

Members.

Mrs. David Lydig,
" G. Winthrop,
" W. B. Crocker,
" F. W. Satterlee,
" Thos. Tileston,
" D. P. Morgan,
" Henry Hoffman,
" Ed. R. Jones,
" Robert Winthrop,

Mrs. P. Van Rensselaer,
" Wm. Strong,
" Philip J. Sands,
" Hoffman Rogers,
" Chas. Fearing,
Miss Armide Smith,
" S. Livingston,
" S. E. Minturn,
" Mary Redmond.

The above Society has met weekly, at the houses of its members, with the view of supplying, as far as lay in its power, the destitute of our district with proper and much needed clothing.

Seven hundred and sixty-five garments were made and distributed, and at the adjournment in April the unmade material on hand was given to the poor. It is the purpose of this Society to continue its labors for the present winter, and by increased membership to extend still more valuable aid to our work.

"The Bread and Beef House" in Account with T. Fessenden, Treasurer, 1875-'76.

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By Balance from Old Account	$205 30
" Collections at the Anthon Memorial Church, Novem- 21st, and February 27th	533 09
" Various Donors for the Year	526 00
" Comptroller City of N. Y. } March 31, 1876	500 00
" " " " } Excise Fund, Oct. 7, '76	1,119 00
	$2,783 39

Dr.

To paid for Provisions	$542 91
" " Milk, Groceries, etc	188 75
" " Meat	356 92
" " Bread	419 23
" " Visitor's Salary	167 00
" " Coal	47 40
" " Printing	78 50
" " Medicine	15 00
" " Special Donations	25 00
" Balance on hand	942 68
	$2,783 39

E. & O. E.

T. FESSENDEN,
Treasurer.

New York, *Nov.* 7, 1876.

NAMES OF DONORS TO

"The Bread and Beef House,"

1875 and 1876.

1875.		
Nov. 23.	Mrs. Dr. Clark	$2 00
25.	Mrs. H. Anthon	5 00
28.	P. H. Butler, per R. H. Newton	5 00
Dec. 5.	George Edwards	2 00
	Dr. H. F. Walker, per L. Roe	10 00
	E. Ruel Smith	25 00
	V. S. Allien	25 00
	Mrs. W. Bacon	20 00
	W. H. Robinson	10 00
	C. L. Hadley	5 00
	H. A. Rogers	50 00
	J. E. Turrill	20 00
	G. L. Deming	5 00
	G. A. Robertson	25 00
	E. H. Janes	3 00
	Mrs. McKimmen	5 00
	Mrs. Ed. Brown	10 00
	A Friend, per J. W. Timpson	5 00
23.	Mrs. Eliza Larocque, per L. Roe	50 00
	Mrs. J. L. Saxton	25 00
	A Friend, per Mrs. Ethan Allen	50 00
	Everett P. Wheeler	15 00
1876.		
Jan. 24.	Mrs. D. P. Morgan, per Mrs. Lydig	20 00
	Miss Mezier, per Mrs. Lydig	2 00
25.	J. W. Timpson	5 00
	Mrs. Fordham Morris, per Mrs. J. W. Timpson.	5 00
	Stewart Brown, per Mrs. Howe	25 00
	Mrs. James Brown, "	5 00
	Mrs. Howard Potter, "	25 00
Feb. 3.	Wm. Tracy	50 00
	W. L. Laing	10 00
6.	Miss. A., per Mrs. Theo. Jones	5 00
	Mr. Goelet, " " "	5 00
	O. Delisle & Co., per G. L. Deming	10 00
	Mrs. G. A. Robertson	10 00
	Mrs. Theo. Jones	40 00

13.	L. F. Whitin	25 00
	Livingston Roe	100 00
	Amerton Yale, per Mrs. Ethan Allen	5 00
	Mrs. W. C. Cook	10 00
28.	Dr. H. F. Walker, per L. Roe	15 00
	Various Brokers, "	20 00
	Mrs. R. H Newton	5 00
	A Friend, per R. H. Newton	5 00
	Dr. Lydig	25 00
Mar. 4.	A. B. R., per W. H. Robinson	1 00
	E. Ruel Smith	10 00
	Mrs. Ethan Allen	5 00
	George Hoffman	25 00
	B. S. Clark	25 00
	H. L. Dyer	10 00
	P. H. Butler	10 00
	S. W. Cary, per Mrs. E. Allen	5 00
	Mrs. Chas. Denison, per Mrs. G. Pike	20 00
	Miss Cornelia Jay	5 00
8.	Mrs E. M. Brown, per, Mrs. Allen	5 00
	L. Roe, (Sept. 26.)	50 00

THOS. FESSENDEN, *Treasurer.*

DONATIONS OF MONIES FOR SPECIAL OBJECTS.

Through Mrs. Ethan Allen	$213 00
" Mrs. Theo. Jones	40 00
Dr. Andrew Smith, through Mrs. Adams	50 00
From Mrs. John J. Lawrence, through Mrs. E. Allen	5 00

Donations of Clothing and other articles have been received from

Mrs. George B. Satterlee,
" Ethan Allen,
" J. Russel Smith,
" Rogers Hoffman,
" George Hoffman,
" Livingston Roe,
" M. Brandon,
" G. M. Harris,
" Theo. Jones,
" Elijah Ward,
" H. A. Blanchard,
" O. Leach,
" Antoinette Roe,
" E. R. Willard,

Mrs. Cleveland,
" Wm. H. Hoppin, Jr.
" Rushmore,
" J. W. Timpson,
" F. G Harris,
" G. A. Robertson,
Miss H. Amelia Wright,
" C. L. Hadley,
" Gamble,
" Bostwick,
" Blanchard,
Mr. Austin Oothout,
Rev. J. W. Paige,
Mr. Livingston Roe,

Messrs. Park & Tilford.